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TAGS:OVIP (AGHA SHAHI), UN, PK

SUBJECT: VISIT OF PAKISTAN'S FOREIGN MINISTER

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1. WE NOTE THAT AGHA SHAHI PLANS TO BE IN NEW YORK
MARCH 20-30 FOR UN COMMITTEE ON RACIAL DISCRIMINATION.
IS SHAHI PLANNING TO RETURN TO US FOR CENTO MINISTERIAL
MEETING APRIL 19-20? IF LATTER IS THE CASE, WE SEE SOME
ADVANTAGE IN TRYING TO SCHEDULE BILATERAL WITH SECRETARY
AT THAT TIME RATHER THAN IN MARCH. WHILE WE CANNOT
PREDICT DEVELOPMENTS WITH ANY CERTAINTY, THE LATER DATE
PROVIDES MORE TIME FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH THE FRENCH
FOLLOWING THEIR ELECTION.

2. PAKISTAN EMBASSY ON MARCH 10, REQUESTED APPOINTMENT
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FOR AGHA SHAHI WITH BRZEZINSKI ANY TIME BETWEEN MARCH 20-
30 IN ORDER TO DISCUSS "NUCLEAR SECURITY ASSURANCES AMONG
OTHER MATTERS". APPOINTMENT WITH SECRETARY NOT MENTIONED.

3. BEFORE RECOMMENDING AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE SECRETARY,
WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ON AGHA SHAHI'S PLANS
WITH RESPECT TO CENTO MEETING & THE EMBASSY'S VIEWS ON

TIMING OF MEETING AND LIKELY TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION. VANCE

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